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## As the unknown of winter looms, restaurants look back on the summer that was

**SUE TIFFIN** 

Staff Reporter

Mid-September, Felicia Dai, co-owner of Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant in Haliburton posted on the restaurant's Facebook page that, since the restaurant has not been open for dine-in service since March, they had two boxes of dated paper placemats sitting unused. After seeing her daughter's interest in drawing and practicing writing, Dai offered the placemats free to fellow parents who might need paper to keep their kids entertained during a time of pandemic restrictions and home-school.

The offer is a thoughtful and innovative way to adapt during a year that has brought numerous surprises and changes throughout the world, including within the restaurant industry. In the eighth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, local restaurant owners take a breath after getting through a summer like no other, and while looking forward to a colder season during what has already been declared as the province's second wave.

"We're just going to keep doing what we're doing, only doing take-out, and just keep ourselves safe," said Dai. Dai and husband Kam Li have been

operating by take-out only since Ontario's lockdown in March, despite provincial reopening stages allowing for indoor dining since then. Dai said during the first

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#### In the loop

Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 5 student Loic Plum hula hoops during morning physical education on Friday, Oct. 9 in Wilberforce. Plum was with his Grade 4/5 class, taking in the daily exercise while still practicing COVID-19 protocols. See more photos on page 13. / DARREN LUM Staff

### 'No guarantee' students can switch between at-home and in-school learning

Students wishing to switch placed on waiting list, board says class cap sizes play into decisions

JENN WATT

Editor

Students who want to switch between in-school and at-home learning will have their name added to a waitlist, with the school board evaluating monthly which students on the list can be reassigned.

On Oct. 7, Trillium Lakelands District

School Board posted an update to families by director of education Wes Hahn outlining the board's plans.

"At this point, any parent/guardian wishing for a change from one learning option to another must have their child's name placed on a waiting list by contacting their child's home school," Hahn wrote. "The waiting lists will be reviewed and changes will be made if possible over the course of the school year. Our guiding principles for these decisions include class

size regulations and staffing, so not all moves may be possible. It is important to note that there is no guarantee of a change for your child."

The post triggered comments on Facebook from parents who said their understanding was that students who wanted to switch learning venues could do so at the end of October.

"When we made our decisions on doing

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Members of the Haliburton County Development Corporation board appear on video during the annual general meeting Oct. 7 held on Zoom. Standing at back is executive director Patti Tallman, who gave an overview of loan distribution in the last year. / Screenshot

Below, a side from the HCDC AGM presentation capturing information on the corporation's activities since 1986.

## Hundreds of jobs created or maintained through HCDC programs, members hear

JENN WATT

Editor

Over the last fiscal year, and in the months since the coronavirus pandemic began, Haliburton County Development Corporation has been making funding available to the county's business community with hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing through multiple pro-

On Oct. 7, those who tuned in to the annual general meeting held on Zoom heard about the loan and grant programs HCDC administers as well as money made available to combat the economic pressure of the pan-

Twenty-one loans were approved through the HCDC COVID Loans Program, with \$932,500 distributed.

"HCDC quickly moved into action and created a COVID loans program similar to the flood relief program we provided [in 2017]. Loans were offered at zero per cent [interest] up to \$25,000 with deferred payments for the first three months," Patti Tallman, executive director,

For the businesses supported by the COVID-19 loans program, 110 employees were laid off, while 127.5 employees who were employed at the time the loans were received kept their jobs.

HCDC also administered the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund, which received FedDev capitalization of \$994,889. Twenty-six loans through that fund were approved, worth \$818,000. Sixty-one employees remained employed, while 175 were laid off from the total employee count of 228 before COVID-19 for those businesses. There are three pending approvals for \$105,000.

Tallman said the federal government had just





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— Sara Joanu

announced another \$560,000 for Haliburton County through this loans program.

'So that's a total injection, since May, a capitalization of \$1,554,889. Thank you to FedDev for their support and helping us help our businesses and rural communities in Haliburton County," she said.

Regarding their typical annual activities, loans officer Sara Joanu gave an update of the corporation's impact.

In 2019, HCDC approved 60 loans and disbursed \$4,685,000, 350 jobs were created and maintained within the year, and in 2020, we approved 59 loans to businesses and disbursed just over \$3.7 million, 285 jobs were created and maintained," Joanu said, noting that although the amount of money given out this year was less than in 2019, they still met their goal of \$3.5 million of disbursed

Nearly 40 per cent of those receiving loans from HCDC since the corporation's inception were "business services," which includes businesses such as restaurants, landscaping, hair salons, accounting and auto repair. Retail made up about 18 per cent, followed by construction, manufacturing, tourism, and forestry.

Autumn Wilson, program and operations coordinator, updated the group on the grants programs and what funding has accomplished in the community. The Local Initiatives Program had 15 approved applications last year with 103 partners, disbursing about \$55,000. The list of initiatives benefiting includes a housing summit, seniors education day, trail development, food forum, youth sailing program, snowmobile association development, Minden Pride Week, and The Studio Tour rebranding. A full list is available on the HCDC website.

The Business Expansion and Innovation Program approved 24 applications in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, creating 32 jobs and maintaining 75. Money helped businesses expand into new markets and improve branding, purchase new equipment and undergo training.

Funding for innovation provided through FedDev was also distributed through the Eastern Ontario Rural Innovation Initiative with \$750,000 available over two years. Ten projects were approved in the last year, creating or maintaining 106 jobs.

Boshkung Brewing was one of the local businesses benefiting from the innovation dollars, using funds to modernize and increase production and create operational efficiencies, Wilson told attendees. "Through this project, they were able to create new products and increase their sales by 200 per cent," she said.

Fleming College's wastewater testing site in Minden accessed innovation funding "to accelerate the commercialization of wastewater treatment technologies," purchasing equipment and materials.

The final presentation was made by consultant Jim Blake, who highlighted the work of the business incubator, which currently has two clients: Highland Technical, an engineering firm; and Haliburton Guitar Studio, which offers lessons, music production, instrument repair and event planning.

Incubator businesses benefit from affordable office space in the building next to the Dysart et al town hall (the former Haliburton library), broadband internet access, mentoring and meeting space.





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## Nova Scotia town removes Haliburton's Sam Slick imagery

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Editor

It wasn't until an illustration from one of Thomas C. Haliburton's books was reproduced in a festival program that many in Windsor, N.S. became aware of the racist content in The Clockmaker, a book written in the 1830s featuring the satirical character of Sam Slick.

The illustration depicting a Black man on his knees in front of the clock-peddler Slick was immediately identified by residents as racist, spurring a decade-long conversation in the east coast town where Haliburton lived, and which celebrated Sam Slick Days from the 1970s to 2009.

"I don't believe that our community for a moment was aware of this, this aspect of Slick when the festival was being run," said West Hants Regional Municipality Councillor Jim Ivey in an interview with the Echo. "... it was an event to bring people to the community, it did that. It was a celebrated event and that's all good, but once you become aware of something that's like this, that is wholly inappropriate in current history, that's where we decided to take a look at this and try and correct it as best we could."

Following community conversation about the character and the writings of Haliburton – the same Haliburton after whom the village and county in Ontario is named and the same character after whom a park in Haliburton Village is named – Windsor changed the name of its festival, settling on Avon River Days in 2014, according to an article in The Hants

Yet, despite removing the name from the festival, the town still had many remnants of Slick around, including depictions of the clockmaker in wire silhouettes on telephone poles and a weather vane in the park gazebo.

In early September, Ivey put a motion before his council to have these removed as well, noting the controversy from

"While technically a 'thank you' was being provided [in the illustration reprinted in 2008] it takes little research to determine that the illustration connected to the chapter [of The Clockmaker] 'Slavery,' in Haliburton's book (as recounted through Sam Slick) is patently racist," the synopsis document in the council package reads. "The chapter itself cannot get past the second paragraph without presenting the disturbing imagery in which the creaking sound of a sign swinging in the wind is so natural, and then it is metaphorically compared to the ill-fated death of a man in the south. A couple of other chapters have been sourced with Slick as the protagonist in racist and misogynist roles that are equally if not more disturbing while many other chapters contain nothing of this nature.

On Sept. 22, West Hants council unanimously passed the resolution, which will remove the likenesses of the Sam Slick character, and have council write an apology letter to the person who identified the racist nature of the illustration, acknowledging the hurt that can come from such a depiction.

In a story from 2008 in The Hants Journal, a resident is quoted as commenting on the illustration: "I feel humiliated by it .. It makes all the old stereotypes come back." Another quote, from a staff member at the West Hants African Resource Centre said: "To the Black community, this was a slap in the face ... and an embarrassment to our population," and later, "It hurts self-esteem. When I saw the image, it made me want to cry."

A quick perusal of Sam Slick: The Clock-



located across from the high school in Haliburton. The park is named for the character created by Thomas Chandler Haliburton, who was an author, politician, and judge born in Nova Scotia. Haliburton was the first chairman of the Canada Land and Emigration Company, which purchased the land upon which the village of Haliburton was founded. The Sam Slick books have come under scrutiny in recent years for racist and misogynistic language, with the West Hants Regional Municipality in Nova Scotia recently voting unanimously to remove the Sam Slick character's likeness from the town of Windsor, N.S. /JENN **WATT Staff** 

maker, which is available to read online for free, reveals many instances of the N-word and degrading descriptions of Black people.

A book written on T.C. Haliburton by scholar Richard A. Davies called Inventing Sam Slick: A biography of Thomas Chandler Haliburton, notes the racism in the author's work.

"Anthologists in the present day are hard pressed to find a passage of The Clockmaker that will not offend our sensibilities," Davies writes. "This is not simply a case of unfairly censuring the values of the past. Haliburton alludes to the [N-word] whenever he wants to remind Nova Scotians of how low they have fallen. ... Haliburton's racism reverberates through his work. He tells us in no uncertain terms that the presence of Blacks in Nova Scotia is unwelcome ...

In the early '90s, renowned Canadian literary figure George Elliott Clarke, wrote an essay in the Halifax Chronicle Herald calling attention to the bigotry in Haliburton's work, according to Davies.

And in August, a literary society at University of King's College in Halifax established in 1884 chose to change its name from the Haliburton Society to UKing's Literary Society.

The county and village of Haliburton in Ontario were named for the same Haliburton who has caused so much controversy in Nova Scotia. A politician and judge as well as an author, Haliburton was the first chairman of the Canada Land and Emigration Company, which purchased the land in Ontario that would become the Municipality of Dysart et al in Haliburton County. "But there is no evidence that he ever made the arduous journey to the land that the company owned," Davies writes in his book.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said that she has never read Haliburton's books and was unaware of the controversy in Windsor, N.S., before it was brought to her attention. She said her knowledge of Sam Slick was limited to the phrases popularized in the books (facts are stranger than fiction and quick as a wink are two such phrases).

"The key to me is, is it celebrating racism or is it just a time, you know, a sign of the times," she said.

No conversation has ever come across the council table while she has served about Sam Slick, and Roberts said council would be open to discussing it, if it was brought forward by a member of the pub-

She also said she'd like to hear from local historians for context.

'If it comes to that, then we'll see what council [decides] if we want to change the name of the park. Again, is the character, and through the writings, are they celebrating racism or is it a sign of the times and what was happening at the time," she

For Councillor Ivey from West Hants Regional Municipality, examination of the text has convinced him that the work is not merely outdated.

"Some people believe when you do something like this you're erasing history, but you're not. It's that you're not celebrating an aspect of history that isn't celebratory," he said.

Ivey said there is a museum in his town dedicated to Thomas C. Haliburton on the property that the author once owned, with professional interpreters who can give context to his work and discuss his role in history.

Following council's decision on Sept. 22, West Hants Mayor Abraham Zebian took a moment to address members of his community that still have concerns about the removal of Sam Slick imagery from the town.

"There's been a lot of comments in the public about council attacking the history of our communities [through removing Sam Slick imagery] ... It's trying to recognize the hurt that historical figures may have had and the continuation of that hurt for certain groups in our community and the only way to get over that and to beat it is to face it head on," he said.

## Municipalities, library helping to reduce waste

Marking the 19th Waste Reduction Week, the County of Haliburton, the four lower-tier municipalities and the Haliburton County Public Library are teaming up to provide information on how to reduce the amount of garbage each of us creates.

The social media channels of all of the municipalities and the library will offer tips on waste reduction and offer book recommendations. In addition, the library will be posting activities on its Facebook page and YouTube channel from Tuesday, Oct. 20 to Saturday, Oct. 24. Activities include Tech Time on which cords in your home you need, a Maker Break on making candles using old candle stubs, and a special announcement about a new lending service, among other things.

Waste Reduction Week is from Oct. 19 to 25 and is observed by municipalities across Canada.

Schedule of online events

Tuesday, October 20 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break fabric mache bow using fabric scraps

Wednesday, October 21 at 2 p.m.: Tech Time Special - what on earth are all those cords (and which ones do I really need)?

Thursday, October 22 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break recycled candle using old candle pieces or stubs

Friday, October 23 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break - egg geodes using leftover eggshells and Epsom salt

Saturday, October 24 at 10:10 a.m.: Storytime with Rob and Cats reading "My Water Comes from the Rocky Mountains" by Tiffany Fourment

Saturday, October 24: look for a special announcement about a new lending service

See the Haliburton County Public Library's Facebook page for events above.

Staff

## Restaurants hope to stay open through second wave

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wave, the couple had decided not to open the indoor dining area to keep themselves and their four-year-old daughter - who has stayed with them throughout the day - safe, and because of few staff and a lack of patio space. Instead, they've been creative to make things work in as pleasant a way as possible in other ways – making a take-out system from the beginning, and using chalk to make a hopscotch board in their parking lot to keep customers enter-tained while waiting for their order.

"We are still doing OK, fortunately Chinese food is kind of popular for takeout," said Dai. "So we're still doing OK. For the people who want to do dine-in, I just feel sorry, because I just can't do that ... I hope people don't feel bad about it."

The pandemic has been especially difficult on the working couple, who only took the restaurant on in recent years, as their daughter has been with them as they

"She stayed with me the whole time," said Dai. "She stayed with me, that's why it's hard for me to open the dining as well. I cannot keep her, like me, wearing a mask for 24 hours."

The increasing case count has made it difficult for her family from Toronto to visit, even in a park, with Dai saying there's just too much to think about - sanitizing hands and keeping distance.

"In China, now my family already have gone back to their normal ways, they go outside to play, hang out with friends, travel around, that's awesome," she said. "Really lucky, my parents are still there, so I'm so happy they can do the normal way they're doing. I hope we can do that as soon as possible as well."

And here, in Ontario, what does Dai think winter will look like for the restau-

"I don't know," she said. "I don't have any idea. It's too hard to think about."

Śhe said you never know what's going to happen next, whether the situation will get better or worse.

"So I don't know," she said. "I just do my best, step by step.

Besides opening the flagship restaurant to indoor seating and take-out, the Kosy Korner opened a seasonal patio next to the building, and the Kosy Shack, an outpost on Twelve Mile Lake at Wedgewood Marina, which owner Ann Gordon said made up for business lost in reducing numbers in the restaurant's inside dining area, but the two additional venues will close with cooler weather and to meet Dysart's patio extension deadline.

Judging by what I've seen through COVID tracking, there's not a whole lot of locals coming in, and that's going to be our bread and butter over the winter, so we're just going to kind of wait and see if they return or not," said Gordon. "We're busy, but I believe we're busy with nonlocal people and that's going to sustain us for one more week. Then we've got to get the locals back in.'

That's why Gordon has hired a new manager with 30 years' experience, and staff has been decorating for the new sea-

"We are getting locals in, but not the groups that used to come in," said Gordon. "Kosy was a mainstay for a number of large groups that came in every day, and those people aren't coming back in."

Gordon is hoping those familiar customers return now that fall has arrived and the population has decreased.

"We're hoping the locals come back because that's going to make or break us."

Staff at the Kosy has been putting much effort into ensuring safety precautions are taken inside the building

"We've got the COVID tracking, we've got six feet apart between tables, we've got half the restaurant shut down, we wipe the tables down with bleach in between, we wipe the menus down with bleach, the sugar containers and salt con tainers and ketchup containers - everything is wiped down with bleach," said Gordon. "It would be, I think, pretty hard to catch COVID in my restaurant.

Diners sanitize their hands before entering the restaurant, and Gordon said, "every single time someone touches something, it gets wiped down.'

Gordon is hoping that shut-downs will occur in hotspots, but that up here, with Haliburton County's current confirmed cases at one, "we can squeak by." Running a restaurant during the pandemic has been a difficult situation to be in, she

"I want [residents] to know that it's safe to come in to Kosy and please come back, or these institutions, these destinations won't be there," she said. "You don't know what you've got until it's gone.

Baked and Battered saw a busy season, opening their patio, a take-out window they had in place from when they first designed the restaurant, and online

"We're doing well, it was a busy season," said Colby Marcellus, before the restaurant closed for the year on Thanksgiving Sunday. "It wasn't as busy as previous years, we were a little bit down, but because of the model that we adopted, we still ended up having a solid year altogether."

Marcellus said he did feel fortunate that the patio and take-out system could work safely at a time that was tough for so many, especially those without a patio

"We're very, very grateful for the kind of support that we got over the summer," he said. "I think it would have been very easy for people to be frightened away because of COVID, and instead I noticed that a lot of the folks - locals and people who were visiting from out of town were very supportive of local businesses. We are so incredibly grateful for that because it could have been something far,

Working with a smaller staff, Marcellus said the team had different kind of work

Because we had to change our model to take-out, that ended up eliminating certain things, certain tasks around dishwashing, for instance, where having a lot of plates and silverware and whatnot, we would have had to have managed all those," he said. "For safety reasons, being able to do takeout and rely on as much biodegradable and disposable things as possible, staff felt safer and it cut down on some of the work so it made the workload overall much more manageable.

Marcellus said during the summer they did see higher numbers of people from outside the community, but not to an extreme extent and that locals that tend to be the restaurant's mainstay during shoulder seasons had returned recently.

"People were very careful, and very considerate, and really quite lovely," he said of customers. "Generally people were happy to be out, happy to go to a restaurant and have some sort of resemblance of normalcy while still feeling confident that they were safe."

Baked and Battered closed on Thanksgiving Sunday for the winter, as per their typical business model.



...[P]lease come back, or these institutions, these destinations won't be there. You don't know what you've got until it's gone

— Ann Gordon, Kosy Korner

"It's a big question mark, isn't it?" he said, in response to when they might reopen in 2021. "Usually we can nail down the date we're going to re-open before we close the previous year. We're reticent to do that because we don't know what the COVID situation is going to look like and if we're forced to have to continue doing more of a take-out patio model, then we realize that won't be possible during the snowier months. We're shooting for March again but we're keeping it loose at this point. It'd be really nice to have things back to normal, wouldn't it?"

Luke Schell, president of the Haliburton BIA, had hope for a strong winter season, and said the BIA welcomes any snowbirds and cottagers who might be spending more time here this winter.

'Many who would normally be heading south for the winter may be here to enjoy our beautiful Haliburton winter season," he wrote in an email to the *Echo*. 'It would not be surprising if our 'shoulder' season, and the winter are better than usual for downtown businesses.

Restaurants in the area were able to operate with indoor seating since July 13, when the Ontario government moved to the Stage 3 part of their reopening plan.

'This will continue to be the case, unless new public health measures have to be put in place this fall and winter by the Ontario government due to COVID-19," said Richard Ovcharovich, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's manager of health protec-

"Recently, the province did put in additional restrictions on bars and restaurants in COVID-19 'hot spots' like Toronto, Peel Region and Ottawa (including capacity limits and seating restrictions)," said Ovcharovich. "However, these restrictions do not apply in Haliburton County, Northumberland County or the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Currently, said Ovcharovich, local restaurants can continue to allow indoor patrons with no specific capacity limits provided they follow certain rules, which include ensuring everyone inside the restaurant wears a mask or face covering unless seated at a table or on an outdoor patio; not serving buffet-style meals; ensuring a separation of tables; only serving alcohol up to 11 p.m. and closing at midnight; keeping client logs and carrying out frequent cleaning and disinfecting of the premises.

"The health unit encourages local restaurants/bars to continue remaining vigilant against COVID-19," said Ovcharovich. "Keeping up these important public health measures is important for protecting restaurant staff and customers. That's good for business... as well as the health of the entire community."

Restaurant owners, operators or staff with questions about COVID-19 prevention measures, can call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

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## Parents opting for no technology learning at home still waiting

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in school learning we were told at the end of October we would have the choice to move them over to online if desired," one commenter wrote, "now that it's nearing the middle of October our decision has been taken away from us and now it's a waiting list and you may not get the choice! That's wrong, if we deem our child would be better off at home instead of in school we should be able to make that choice!'

In an email sent to families in August, TLDSB said that registration selections would remain in place until October.

"Many families want to know if they can change their mind about their choice for in-school or at-home learning. Once your choice has been made, this will remain the program for your child until late October," the email sent in August read. "We cannot make changes prior to this because any change means alterations to classroom cohorts and to bussing route schedules. This decision has been made in the best interest of safety of our students and our staff."

TLDSB communications officer Sinead Fegan said the board has been working with parents whose children are on the waitlist and with a recent staffing reorganization have "worked to address many of the students on the

Fegan said she couldn't give a figure for how many students are on the waitlist because it is constantly changing, but said names would be reviewed monthly.

"Moving forward, the waitlist will be reviewed at the beginning of each month," she said. "We will not make changes/switches where a change will make us exceed class cap sizes.'

The board also added teachers for those doing at-home learning using paper materials, rather than online.

A parent had commented on the TLDSB Facebook page that their child had not yet received paper materials. "We are doing learning from home with the educational materials supplied by the board in 'paper and pen' format," the parent wrote. "We still haven't received anything. Two weeks ago we were told we would have materials by Friday, September 25th.'

An update to the board's website on Oct. 8 reads that the teachers will be in contact with families the week of Oct. 13 to 16 with full implementation of the program on

#### Rotating cancellations due to school bus driver shortage

A province-wide school bus driver shortage is being felt in Haliburton County, with parents being asked to find other ways for their children to get to school when drivers aren't available.

On Oct. 2, Trillium Lakelands District School Board advised parents and guardians to be aware of the potential that a bus may not be carrying out some routes

Due to the current shortage of qualified school bus drivers, any day we could be without a driver for your child's bus route. It is important to make alternate transportation arrangements to get your child to and from school in the event of a cancellation," a message posted to the school board's Facebook page reads.

Superintendent of business Tim Ellis has previously discussed bus driver shortages at board of trustees meetings, pointing out that many bus drivers are part of an older age demographic, one that would be at higher risk if contracting the novel coronavirus. This may be leading some drivers to choose not to work during the pandemic.

Although earlier in the school year, issues with bus routes had mostly been in the Muskoka region, TLDSB communications officer Sinead Fegan confirmed that the issue is throughout the board.

"Yes, Haliburton has been experiencing shortages recently," she said in an email to the *Echo*. "The board has been doing daily cancellations. These cancellations are being done on a rotating basis to minimize the time

that students are without transportation into our schools. Please note, cancellations are done as a last resort."

#### Class restructuring

Some students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School - and other schools within the board - will be changing classrooms and in some cases teachers, as the board makes adjustments based on enrolment at physical schools and in virtual school.

A letter sent home to students at ASES on Oct. 2 reads, in part: "As class numbers are now settling the difficult decision about having to decrease staff at physical schools to support the increased number of students participating in the Learn@Home School has necessitated a reduction of one classroom at Archie Stouffer Elemen-

Similar letters went out elsewhere, with news website Kawartha411 quoting a nearly identical phrase from a message sent out by the principal of Dunsford District Elementary School.

Fegan told the Times that adjustment to staffing was not happening at all schools, only those where they are needed.

'Due to the reorganization, some cohorts will be changing in some classes," she said.

At ASES, restructuring will take place in the primary classes, with class sizes aligning with Ministry of Education guidelines. Those parents and guardians whose children will be affected will be contacted directly, the letter says. The changes are to take place Oct. 13, following the Thanksgiving weekend.

Fegan said she didn't know if further reorganization would be needed in the future.

"We are not sure if this will be the last time a reorganization is required. We are working to be responsive to family requests for switching between online learning and in school learning," she said.



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## What's in a name

T'S A SAFE bet that most of us living in Halibur-Lton haven't cracked open a copy of The Clockmaker recently - or ever. The satirical book by Thomas Chandler Haliburton, after whom the town is named, was written in the 1830s and isn't on any bestseller list, or propped up in the windows of the local library branches or bookstores. The name of the main character of the book, however, does have a prominent place in the village at a park named in his honour.

Sam Slick Park is a small greenspace across from the high school featuring a scenic view of Head Lake, an array of natural vegetation that visitors can read up on, and across a dry-stone bridge, a bench to sit on and watch the sun come up. The park also includes a plaque

with information on Haliburton the man and says Sam Slick Park is "to commemorate Judge T.C. Haliburton author [of] *The Clock*maker."

The Sam Slick character has rarely, if ever, figured into conversations around the town, likely because the book isn't readily available. If it were, you can bet more people would be talking about it and taking issue with the name of this little park.

That's because *The Clock*maker is riddled with racism. The N-word is used regularly along with degrading depictions of Black people. The passages are so hurtful, even with the N-word removed, it is inappropriate to reprint them in this newspaper.

Richard Davies, a professor at Acadia University, wrote in his biography of T.Č. Haliburton: "Haliburton's books are filled with language that disturbs and offends," noting that many professors now find his works 'unteachable."

"Anthologists in the present day are hard pressed to find a passage of *The Clockmaker* that will not offend our sensibili-

> ties. This is not simply a case of unfairly censuring the values of the past. Haliburton alludes to the [N-word] whenever he wants to remind Nova Scotians of how low they have fallen," Davies writes.

> A municipality in Nova Scotia that formerly celebrated Sam Slick Days has been grappling with these depictions for more

than a decade, changing the name of their festival in 2009 and last month deciding to remove all Sam Slick imagery from the town.

It isn't about erasing history, the town councillors said, it was about what we choose to cele-

In Haliburton Village, we've been unintentionally celebrating a work of literature that is deeply offensive. Because most of us hadn't read the book, we didn't know that, but now we do.

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What used to be (on Harburn Rd)

by Darren Lum

## Music in your head

THEY SAY music can trigger memories buried deep in the brain. So when Julia heard the old Anne Murray song on her car radio, she knew why she was transported 40-plus years back in time. The image that slipped into her mind was almost as clear as if it had happened the day before. Well, almost. She had been driving in the car then as well. It had been a rainy evening, the west coast drizzle shining off the pavement as her windshield wipers seemed to beat a rhythm to the melody. After attending a class for parents-to-be, she had been full of hope and trepidation, still coming to grips with impending

motherhood and all that entailed. Even now she could just about smell the moisture in the air and that evocative scent of wet pavement.

Fast forward to the life of a rural senior. A totally different place and time and yet, for a moment she was that 20-something wondering what was around the corner. So much had happened between then and now, she thought. But almost in the blink of an eye years slipped away like

rain off a metal roof. And what music of these days would end up stored away for future drives, future reminiscences?

Now the car radio was playing a song called "Jump" and Julia recalled seeing the triumphant entrance of a winning politician as he took the stage to that number. She had been watching on television and even though she had not been a supporter of the fellow, when the music erupted she felt the excitement generated by the thumping beat. In that instant anything seemed possible.

Pulling groceries out of the car and heading for her house, she continued thinking of past tunes that still evoked strong emotions, stirring memories both good and not so good. The protest songs of the '60s, Vera Lynn encouraging the English citizens during World War 2, even Gene Autry singing "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." Gordon Lightfoot and the Beatles. "O Canada" and "Hallelujah." Take your pick

because, Julia knew, everyone had their own favourites along with their own

Of course the last thing she wanted was a song that she couldn't get out of her head. Earworms, as they're called, were a real puzzle to her. How, she wondered, did they get such an insistent hold on her? It usually happened when she was walking the dog. In desperation she would try to replace the offending tune with another, to change the channel as it were. Sometimes without success

The food was now on her kitchen counter and she clicked on the radio

once again. More music from the Sixties. This time it was a rock number she had listened to while camping at a state park in the U.S. Some rather had asked her at the time if rock concerts ever haprecalled laughing at their lack of knowledge about her country. Funny thing was, she thought as she put away the groceries, there were probably still some people south of the 49th parallel who would



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obnoxious young males pened in Canada. Julia ask the same question if given the chance these days.

Having finished in the Kitchen, she looked outside. The yard was covered in gold as the birch and ash had shed their leaves. But there was still orange and magenta on the hills, set on fire by the afternoon sun. Julia whistled to the dog. Walk time. Before she knew it there would be Christmas songs to fill the air waves and sparkling white replacing all that glorious colour. Might as well take advantage of the sunshine and freedom served up on a day like this. The dog seemed to agree, sitting patiently as Julia clicked on the leash.

As she stepped outside, she thought how the world had become a scarier place in the last year or so. The news she heard was seldom good. But the last thing she wanted was to dwell on what might lay ahead. She didn't want to let her thoughts go in that direction. Better to stick with the music.

## points of view

## The last straw

TUST THIS morning, I noticed that Jenn had placed four pencil-sized metallic tubes in the dish rack. Each was about six inches long and almost straw-like.

Needless to say, I was overjoyed.

"Where did you get the mini-blowguns?" I asked.

"What?! No! They are not blowguns! They are straws!" she said. "Straws, I tell you!"
"Oh, ah... sure..." I winked.

But, of course, she wasn't fooling me. I know a blowgun when

And just to prove it, I loaded a round toothpick in its chamber and pierced a paper bag at the far end of the kitchen.

Then I asked what was, I think you will agree, a very reasonable question, considering the circumstances.

"Did you happen to get any fast-acting poisons to tip our darts with?" I queried.

"Poison?" she said.

steve galea

"Yes, I'm thinking curare," I said. "That's the traditional blowgun poison, right?"

"No, I did not get any curare!" she said adamantly.

"It's OK, you got the blowguns; that's the main thing," I replied.

But just as I was about to go online and order a vial or two of curare from Amazon, Jenn repeated her message once again.

"These are not blowguns," she insisted. "They are straws!"

That's when I realized what was

"Look," I said. "Don't be embarrassed. You made a perfectly forgivable mistake. Blowguns, especially the small, concealable kind, look exactly like straws."

"Steve," she said. "Read my lips. These are reusable straws. Nothing more."

"You expect me to believe that?" I said. Then, to prove my point, I put the "straw" to my mouth and released a deep and sudden exhale, that propelled another toothpick dart at a fly on the wall, just barely missing it.

I would have launched another dart but Jenn raced over and shook the product package in my face. Sure enough, they were labelled as "straws."

This naturally led me to ask, "Why would anyone buy these?" "Because they are reusable," she said.

I then pointed out that I couldn't remember the last time we actually used straws.

"I know," she replied. "But they look like fun and next time we need straws we have them."

"Blowguns are a lot more fun," I mumbled. "And we'll probably need those first..."

'They're straws," she said. "Got it?"

That's when she made me promise never to use her reusable straws for anything other than their intended purpose, which was, apparently, boredom.

Frankly, it was a crying shame – as well as a missed opportunity. After all, as hard as this is to believe, we North Americans do not spend enough time practicing with blowguns to be truly proficient with them. Which is not a problem now, but just wait until all those Central American howler monkeys expand their range and start making our roosters look like cooing doves.

Frankly, unless all those documentaries about hunters in South and Central America are wrong, blowguns are the only thing a howler monkey understands at 5 a.m.

Yet, this and the fact that monkeys are apparently edible, did not sway Jenn in the least. Go figure.

All she saw was another eco-friendly product.

"Can't I just use one as a straw and as a blowgun?" I asked. "I mean multi-purposing is really eco-friendly, right?"

I won't venture too deep in the way her mind works. Suffice it to say, after I showed her how deeply a toothpick can stick into the bottom of a full milk bag, a blowgun ban was unilaterally enacted in our house.

Basically Jenn declared what I was holding wasn't a blowgun but it was the last straw.



### pic of the past

'ervin Harrison joined the Royal Canadian ▲Armed Forces and was with the Black Watch Regiment. He was killed in action on November 1, 1944 at the Battle of Antwerpt. He is buried at Berlin Op Zoom, Holland. He was the son of Nor-man and Velma Harrison of Maple Lake. Photo originally submitted by Butch Harrison and printed in the Oct. 6, 2009 edition of the Haliburton Echo.

## Finding fun as cool weather arrives

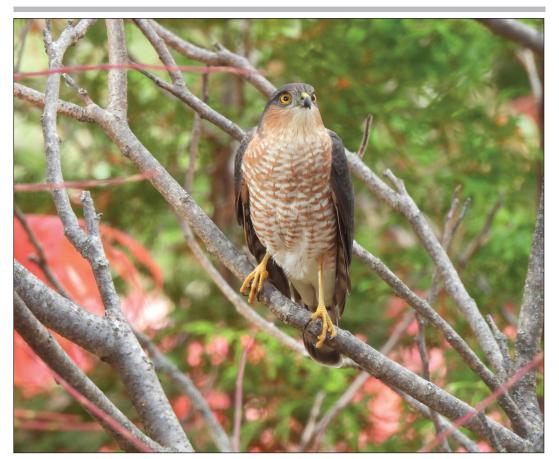
We asked readers on Facebook: Now that days are getting shorter, what are you (and your family) doing for fun?

Puzzles, reading, baking listening to music and knitting.

#### Dai Wanfei

Play tag. [Neighbourhood] walking (see the colour and moss on rock/trees), leaf/acorn/

Drawing/painting/make little craft/puppet show/lots of fun with my daughter.



Belinda Gallagher photographed this sharp-shinned hawk at her place in Tory Hill recently. Do you have any wildlife shots from your backyard? Send them to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

## Water charity redirects efforts during pandemic

JENN WATT

Editor

Water Ambassadors Canada, founded by Haliburton residents Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, has established itself over the years as a charity that provides water and sanitation access to communities in need. Most of the time, that's involved volunteers travelling to Central America, bringing supplies and doing much of the labour themselves. However, with the coronavirus pandemic posing safety and travel restrictions, the organization has recalibrated, leveraging its contacts and partnerships to continue helping without the need for travel.

"The fact is that we can't travel ... but what we've done is we have really strengthened our country partnerships with the folks that we were already working with," said Brian Johns, who was hired as chief executive officer

Water chlorinators were shipped to communities in Honduras, with the charity providing instruction to those on-site using messaging app WhatsApp. Hand-washing stations and water filtration systems were set up in Uganda to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Personal protective equipment was delivered to a Honduras health clinic in need.

To ensure its work continued, though delivered differently, Water Ambassadors re-evaluated its operations and found ways to continue providing clean water and proper sanitation equipment to places that need it most, Johns explained.

"We have now scheduled out well drilling each month all the way to the end of the year [2020] in Guatemala,"

From July to October, 16 projects have been completed including wells drilled, chlorinators, water filters and handwashing stations.

"I know with confidence there are thousands of people that we have made an impact [on] because of the money that we have raised and the way that we have shifted our programming," he said.

In Haliburton, Water Ambassadors Canada held the Fall Water Walk Oct. 4 and the annual golf tournament in July. Tens of thousands of dollars were raised from those initiatives.

While holding fundraisers was more challenging in 2020 due to physical distancing and gathering restrictions, Johns said it also offered the organization the

opportunity to spread its focus and decentralize efforts. "We were always doing the Toronto half-mara-

thon [fundraiser], but what we did this time, and through a learning experience, is that we said OK let's not make this Toronto-centric because the marathon's not happening. Let's have the Fall Water Walk and Ursula [Devolin] through her leadership, we were able to set up a framework where we would host all of the online giving, but break it off within communities. And so we had people doing a Fall Water

. Walk in Halifax, New-





Above, in the wake of the pandemic, Water Ambassadors Canada shifted the way they provide clean water and hygiene equipment, engaging partners on the ground to ensure work continues. The charity facilitated the distribution of personal protective equipment in Honduras, has booked well drilling projects in Guatemala, and funded handwashing stations in Uganda. Here, instruction is given on PPE use in Honduras. /Photo submitted

ener-Waterloo and what we said was, let's have Haliburton be like the closing ceremonies for the Fall Water

Johns said his arrival on the scene with Water Ambassadors was about the right circumstances at the right time – despite starting his job in the midst of a pandemic.

He had previously been involved with the organization in 2005, travelling to Guatemala as part of a well drilling team. "From the time that I went on the well drill trip to now, over these past 15 years, is very much something that I've carried with me and when the opportunity came up to apply for the position, I was very driven to do that," he said.

(Johns's first interaction with founder and board chair Barry Hart actually precedes his trip to Central America. Hart was his science and aviation teacher at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket.)

"Brian is the right leader at the right time for Water Ambassadors Canada," Hart said in a press release. "After an exhaustive national search over three months, Brian's extensive leadership background in a resultsdriven approach, as well as focusing on continuous improvement is sure to benefit not only the development efforts that we undertake in North America, but globally with our in-country partners, on our mission to change

difference the water filtration station has made to the water. On the right, the colour their water used to be, on the left, what it looks like now. / Photo supplied

Left, these two women in Uganda show the

lives with clean water."

The charity has undergone a brand rebuild this year as well, which Johns said is similar to the steps Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army took as their organizations grew.

Water Ambassadors Canada is a Christian ministry that welcomes volunteers and assists communities regardless of their faith, he said.

'All are welcome, period," Johns said. "...Everybody's

With a third of all people in the world lacking access to clean water, there is never a shortage of work for Water Ambassadors and the CEO said the charity is never at a loss for new projects.

"The need that is out there is mind boggling," he said. "There are tens of thousands of wells that could be repaired – not drilled but repaired — that are sitting there that just simply need somebody to either come by and fix the mechanical side of it or that needs some kind of maintenance. There are hundreds of stories that we can share where wells have been sitting there for 10, 15, 20 years and people haven't been able to get clean water and we are able to come by, repair the well and clean water flows again."



CEO Brian Johns was hired in July and said the charity is finding ways to continue to help those in need during the pandemic. /Photo supplied



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## Signs posted declaring portage routes as traditional rights of way

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A traditional rights of way project established by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association to preserve, maintain and protect key portage routes is gaining interest throughout Haliburton County and might be of interest throughout the province, according to KLCOA traditional rights of way project lead Gino Ariano.

Last year in October, Ariano and Jim Prince of the KLCOA presented to Dysart et al council on the project, noting at that time that multiple portage routes throughout the area allow for access from Kennisis and Redstone Lakes to lakes or rivers in Haliburton Forest, the Frost Centre area, and into Algonquin Park, and that it was essential to develop an educational outreach program to ensure property owners and portage route users are aware of rights and responsibilities regarding protection and use of the routes.

"What we're trying to do is really identify key routes in the area that connect Kennisis Lake to the broader Haliburton Highlands area and ensure these routes are preserved and protected because what's happening as there's more development pressure in the county, some routes are being impeded by various development or property ownership issues so we're trying to go back and identify the routes, make sure the legal status is clear, and if it is, make sure they're posted and protected so people can use them in perpetuity," Ariano told the Echo.

Kennisis Lake - Cat Lake Portage Route (634m) Welcome, Please Enjoy the Use of this Portage Route This portage route crosses public and private land and is expressly subject to the right of portage under the Public **Lands Act of Ontario** Please use this portage responsibly: · respect the rights of the landowners, ensure your boat/canoe is clean and will not be transporting invasive species,

Above, a mockup of a sign marking a portage route, hung as part of the Traditional Rights of Way project spearheaded by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association and with the support of the municipality of Dysart et al.

Left, a sign marking a portage route.

meeting, the Traditional Rights of Way working group gave an update on the project, with Ariano noting the group has been working on doing legal due diligence on a number of portage routes in and around Kennisis Lake, researching history of the routes and has made "some good progress since last fall, including the erection of some portage signs on a number of important routes.

Progress shared by the group includes that portage signs have been placed for public land sections of the Kennisis Lake (Soap Pond) to Lipsy Lake portage and Kennisis Lake (Cat Bay) to Cat Lake por-

"It's great, especially when you get to put the signs up, that's when you know, wow, we've really accomplished something here," said Ariano. "We're very encouraged by the progress we've made so far, we're pleased by the response we've had from the community." we've had from the community.

Besides support from the municipality of Dysart et al, Ariano said other lake associations have reached out to learn more about the initiative and have done their own work in posting routes.

The project was of interest to the Growler Lake Property Owners Association, which connected with the Kennisis Lake group and has posted portage signs on Bat Lake to Claypack Lake Route, which Ariano said in the update helps to complete part of a portage route from Kennisis Lake to Gull River via Lipsy-Klaxton-Bat-Growler Lakes route.

"I think people realize this is an important initiative," he said, noting that he's spoken with some people who have been using the routes as far back as the 1950s or early-1960s, and that the history of the portage routes goes much further back than that. "That's part of the research we're doing, trying to go back and identify where we can find records of Indigenous peoples using these routes, that helps support and validate the fact that these routes are legitimate, we can find historical documentation ... The way these trails got developed, a lot of them are animal paths, and then the Indigenous people started to use them because it was the easiest way to go from one lake to another. They've been used for probably thousands of years."

Ariano himself is an avid outdoors per-

We're really fortunate to have such an amazing resource in Haliburton and to allow people to be able to use this in the future.

— Gino Ariano

son who loves to canoe, and whose children love to canoe. He's been working on the project for the past three years, but it's part of the lake association's long-range plan, identified as something to work on when the lake plan was developed more than a decade ago.

'I have a personal interest in it because I love the outdoors and I recognize the value of these types of things," he said.

Ariano hopes the group can one day speak to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association, to broadcast the project more broadly throughout the province, but hopes first to expand the project

"The broader vision, is not so much just for our lake association, but the broader county so that people can travel between lakes and rivers in our area, or go up north to Algonquin or to the Haliburton Highlands Frost area," he said. "We're really fortunate to have such an amazing resource in Haliburton and to allow people to be able to use this in the future." And then, thinking of the feeling he had when posting the first of the signage: "We're doing this for the people in the future, not just ourselves."

Those with information or evidence of trails or portages in the past, or who might be interested in undertaking a similar project in their area are welcomed by Ariano to reach out. For more information contact Ariano at 416-706-2245 or at gino.ariano@hotmail.com or visit http:// www.klcoa.org.

#### Municipality of Dysart et al



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APPLICATIONS:

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

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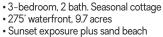






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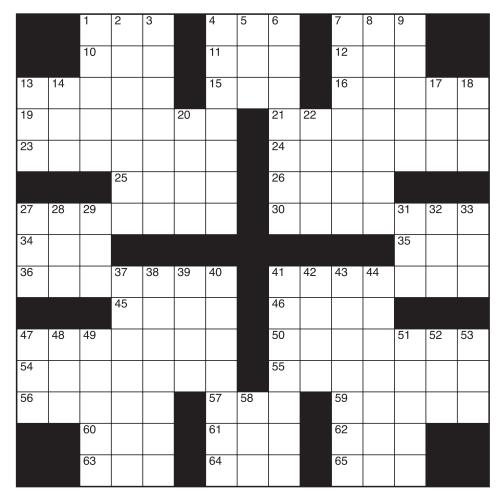
To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, over the course of eight weeks, the Echo is publishing Haliburton resident Martin Hofland's first-person account of living through the war as a child in Holland, originally published in his book, War Boy. This is the fourth instalment.

#### **Blood poisoning**

One morning, I awoke with a terrible pain in my arm, and I saw a black stripe running all the way down my arm. It was my artery. When I showed it to my mother, she pushed me out of the door, yelling run to the hospital! It was a

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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. At or near the stern 7. Adenosine triphos-
- 10. Polynesian garland of
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie
- 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaguatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers 21. Home to Disney
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- 30. A long wandering and
- eventful journey
- 34. Water (French) 35. Brew
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. A usually malignant
- 45. Alfred \_\_\_, American actor
  - 46. Austrian river

- 47. A reminder of past events
  - 50. Connected with
  - 54. Status
  - 55. Dean residence
- 56. Egyptian city
- 57. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Straits along the Red Sea
- 60. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
  - 61. Get some color
  - 62. Facilitates hearing
  - 63. Commercials

  - 64. A team's best pitcher
  - 65. Patti Hearst's captors
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Speak up
- 2. More informative
- 3. Where passengers sit
- 4. Gathered
- 5. Supervises flying
- 6. Home of the Blue Jays
- 7. Public statement of regret
- 8. Lockjaw
- 9. Indian city
- 13. Patriots' Newton 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. Eggs in female fish
  - 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen
- 29. The 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. \_ Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days 39. Archaic term for "to"
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA
- 43. Connects with
- 44. Of the skull
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
- 48. When you hope to get
- 49. Hindu goddess
- 51. Land
- 52. Pitching stat
- 53. Field force unit
- 58. Lakers' crosstown rivals

Answers on page 14

20-minute walk away, but I think I broke a world record getting there. Inside the hospital the nurse said that I had blood poisoning, and the "black stripe" was close to my heart, and that I was lucky to have got there in time. It was caused by an infection in my hand. They kept me there until the poison was gone and I was well enough to go home. Infection and disease was common since there was no more soap or medicine available. From 1943 until the end of the war the schools were closed, so children ran the streets and had many mishaps. We had plenty of time to do what we were not supposed to

#### Free ride turns bad

One day, my mother told me to stay close to home since lunch was almost ready. I replied "yes Mom," but like most 10-year-old boys, I had a wandering eye, always looking for adventure. A laundry truck was picking up clothes from a customer's house. I saw a chance for a free ride, so I and the young girl I was playing with, jumped onto the back of the vehicle. The driver pulled away and we were hanging on for dear life. As he accelerated, we realized that we could not hold on for long. We knew that if we let go, we would be injured or killed so we pulled ourselves inside the back of the truck. As we sat on the stinking bags of laundry, we realized that the truck was not going to stop, but instead was heading down the highway, and we had no chance to get off. About an hour later, and far from home, the driver stopped. We jumped out and told him what had happened. We asked him to take us to the next town, but he was very angry, slapped my face and he said "Walk home." We recognized what he was: an NSB man Nazi collaborator. He had a reputation for such treatments, and refused to let us back in the truck, and he pulled away. Now we were stranded in the middle of nowhere. We decided to walk, and continued until we reached the small town of Lisse near Amsterdam. We found the police station and told them our story. They were very kind and gave us bread and milk, while explaining the dangers of our adventure. They warned us not to do any more stupid stunts, and we replied "yes sir". They called the police in Gouda, who in turn informed our parents. My father came by train to get us and we headed back home on the last train, which was well after midnight. We dropped my friend off at her house. Her father was very vocal, almost waking all the neighbours, as he pointed out that this was all my fault. My father did not say much, but when we got home my mother was waiting. My mother, oh, oh, my mother, she was not so quiet!

#### Fifth move to V-1 base

We lived in Gouda for about six months, then the Red Cross transferred my father back to Bloemendaal to make mattresses for the Germans. This time it was a dangerous move because the house

we moved into was about 2,500 feet from a V-1 launching base. These deadly, massive flying bombs, aimed at London, (26 feet long and weighing about 600 pounds), were very premature in operation. They made a loud roaring noise which people listened for, since they often went astray, landing near our town. In fact, one went straight up and straight back down blowing up the launching pad close to our house. They were in fact so dangerous that the Germans used prisoners of war, under strict supervision, to launch them. The V-1 base, and our house, were hidden in the forest. We were forced to live there, and lived in fear the whole time.

#### **Hiding Jews**

We were the only family living at the base. The house was a mansion. A pastor had lived in it, but he was forced to move out. The house had many rooms, so we took in four more family members who could not find shelter anywhere else. My parents took a great risk by hiding two Jewish girls, and another man, who I never got to know, right under the noses of the Germans. Our food was under German control, and if we took more than we needed for the family, the Germans would become suspicious, and might come to check for other occupants. We shared our food, and smuggled more in whenever possible. One mistake could bring disaster and death to everyone

#### Resistance fighters

My older brother Dick, who was in the underground movement (resistance fighter), had dug a tunnel for the purpose of escape. The entrance was under a false floor in the shed, and came out in the forest. He also had a forbidden radio receiver to listen to the war news on the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) in England. For reasons of security, my parents never told us children what they were up to. No one could be trusted, not even family members, and especially not children. If the Germans found out that we hid Jews, we would be shot. The price for helping Jews was death! It soon became too dangerous, and the Jews were smuggled to a safer place. Shortly afterwards the Germans did search the house, but found nothing. Still they restricted our movements, and we were not allowed off the property. We could go only to the main road called the *monsterseweg* that leads to the village of Loosduinen. One night while we were sleeping, the Germans blew up a large tree in front of our house that was blocking the way for their large trucks carrying Hitler's new secret weapon, the V-2 flying rocket bomb. This 46 ft. monster had a weight of 9 tons, and was a much more dangerous weapon than the V-1. The explosion under the tree was so large that it blew the front door off the house, and blew out all the windows.

Illustration.





#### In the loop

Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 5 student Brody MacDonald swings his hula hoop during morning physical education on Friday, Oct. 9 in Wilberforce. Brody was with his Grade 4/5 class, taking in the daily exercise while still practicing COVID-19 protocols./DARREN LUM

Grade 7 and 8 students test each other on their multiplication skills





Students and their teacher, in blue, test each other on their multiplication skills with an outdoor session.



## Planned work for 23 kilometres of Hwy 118

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Work done in September removing material from the rock face along Highway 118 near West Guilford is part of a larger plan to rehabilitate about 23 kilometres of roadway in the area. The plan includes slope stabilization at Head Lake; resurfacing, culvert repair and replacement; drainage improvements; treatment of frost heaves and distortion areas; guide rail replacement/ adjustment; and intersection improvements at Kennisis

More construction is scheduled for 2021 pending funding, clearances and approvals.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 10th of November, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

> Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., dated May 27, 2020.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting

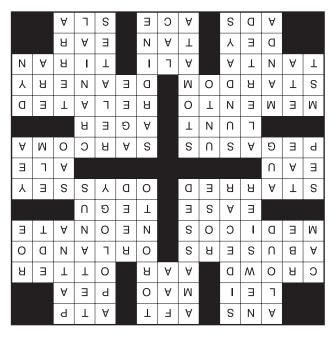
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DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of October, 2020.

> ROBYN ROGERS, MUNICIPAL CLERK rrogers@highlandseast.ca

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#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS





On Oct. 8, Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors announced the two companies would be partnering, with Yours Outdoors' Barrie Martin joining the Forest's tourism and recreation division. From left, Malcolm Cockwell, managing director, Haliburton Forest; Tegan Legge, general manager, tourism and recreation, Haliburton Forest; Cameron Ferguson, operations manager; Emily Stonehouse, co-manager, Yours Outdoors; Barrie Martin, founder and co-manager, Yours Outdoors. /Photo submitted

# **Haliburton Forest partners** with Yours Outdoors

Yours Outdoors, an experiential tourism company founded by Barrie Martin in 2006, has partnered with Haliburton Forest to "provide and promote the very best tourism opportunities available in the Haliburton Highlands," the companies say.

Martin will join the tourism and recreation division of Haliburton Forest, alongside general manager Tegan Legge and operations manager Cameron Ferguson, a joint press release issued Oct. 8 states.

"The partnership between Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors is a business and a social mission all in one, to work with our stakeholders – and especially experience delivery staff – to grow the tourism economy of the Haliburton Highlands," Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest, said.

The companies say the partnership will help promote the area as a premiere tourist destination, broaden the range of services available to domestic and international markets and create business efficiencies, among other

Both companies have received awards from the Ontario Tourism Industry Association, each receiving the Sustainable Tourism Award and Martin being honoured as the Tourism Champion of the Year in 2016.

Yours Outdoors provides experiential tourism packages, taking customers on adventures around the county, participating in activities such as rockhounding, glassblowing, beer tasting, and snowshoeing. Haliburton Forest, situated on a 100,000-acre property, similarly features the Highlands' natural appeal with offerings such as wolf howls, treetop excursions, dogsledding, astronomy talks and fishing.

Émily Stonehouse, who most recently was economic development, destination and marketing officer for the Township of Minden Hills, will be co-manager of Yours Outdoors and will lead marketing and promotions for

"Yours Outdoors will maintain its distinctive brand and products, will continue working independently with local tourism partners/providers and experience leaders, while working with Haliburton Forest to further develop authentic rural experiences," the press release says.

Staff

## Public asked to weigh in on government's plastic plan

JENN WATT

Editor

Plans by the federal government to ban six single-use plastic items and establish recycled content requirements for packaging and products are up for public discussion. Plastic checkout bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery and hard-to-recycle foodware were identified by the government to be banned.

The move is part of an effort to reduce microplastics in water and plastic pollution in oceans, rivers and lakes. Three million tonnes of plastic waste is thrown away each year by Canadians, of which only nine per cent is recycled and 29,000 tonnes ends up in the natural environment, information from Environment and Climate Change Canada states.

Locally, 191 tonnes of plastic packaging was recycled in the Municipality of Dysart et al in 2019, including mixed plastics, film, PET (commonly used in water bottles), and HDPE (a thicker plastic used in milk bottles).

In Highlands East, 68 tonnes of plastic were recycled in 2019, with PET and films making up about 72 per cent of

plastics recycled that year. In 2018, Highlands East sent 73 tonnes of plastic to facilities for recycling

And while a ban on specific plastics would reduce how much municipalities send to recycling facilities, the goal is also to eliminate these plastics in landfills and the natu-

"Canadians see the effects of plastic pollution in their communities and waterways and they expect the government to take action," Jonathan Wilkinson, environment minister, said in a statement. "Our government is introducing a comprehensive plan to get to zero plastic waste. Our plan embraces the transition towards a circular economy, recycled-content standards and targets for recycling rates."

Single-use plastics make up most of the plastic litter found in Canada's freshwater environments, ministry information states. Up to 15 billion plastic bags are used

Comments on the government's plan are being accepted until Dec. 9 and regulations will be finalized about a year later. A link to the discussion paper can be found on the *Echo's* website. Comments can be sent to the director of the plastics and marine litter division at ec.plastiques-plastics.ec@canada.ca.

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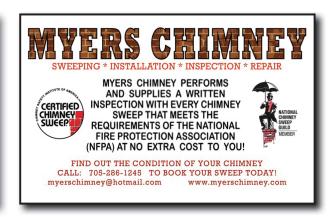




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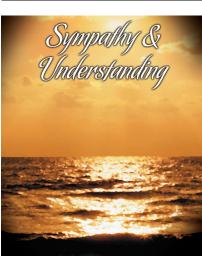


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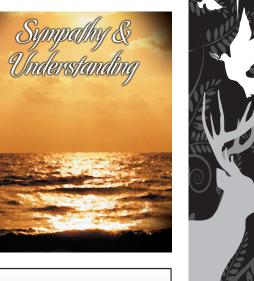
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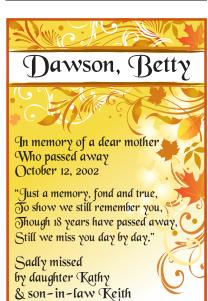


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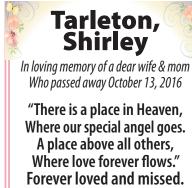


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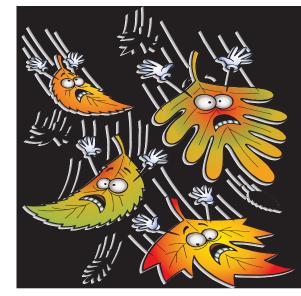
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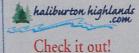
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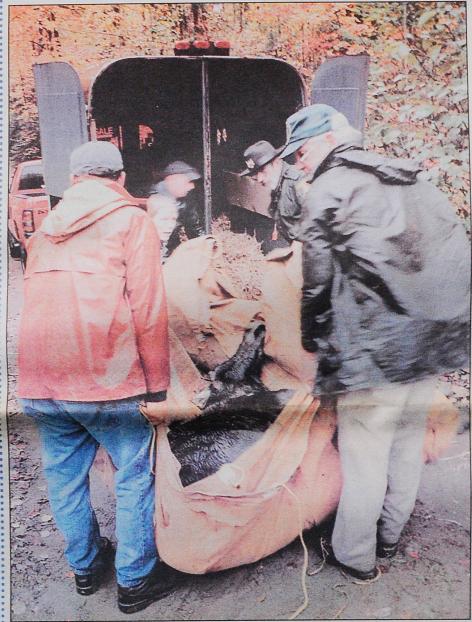
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**MARTHA PERKINS** 

The weather didn't make it the best day on which to hold a one-day strike, but local high school teachers say it was still an effective opportunity to get their message across

"It's been pretty quiet," Laura Willis, the local OSSTF teachers union representative, said Wednesday afternoon as the rain continued to drizzle down on the dozen teachers picketing in front of Haliburton The teachers took turns picketing in

three shifts during the day.

"People have been wonderful lots of honks and waves. There's been lots of support from retired teachers and elementary teachers," she said, surprised, however, that there

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## The MNR moves Mortimer to safer home

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Mortimer the moose has a

The mystifying young male moose who behaves more like a friendly pet than a wild animal was captured Wednesday by the Ministry of Natural Resources and relocated to an enclosure at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

MNR biologists suspect the yearling moose, known largely by his fans as Mortimer, is infected with a brain parasite that's almost always fatal. They plan to monitor his health at his new living quarters and release him, if his condition improves.

"It's going to be a wait and see situation," said the MNR's Dana Kinsman, who co-ordinated Mortimer's move. "... The objective is to rehabilitate him and return him to the wild when it's possible."

Mortimer began capturing the hearts of Highlanders with his peculiar behaviour and friendly nature early in the summer when he showed up at the bottom of Outlet Bay and decided not to leave.

Just a couple of weeks ago he wandered over to nearby Spruce Lake where he continued to impress people with his amiable personality.

Not only did he not shy away from humans, but he actually seemed to seek out their compa-

The MNR's Minden office was flooded with phone calls from people who wanted the ministry to do something to protect the moose from being

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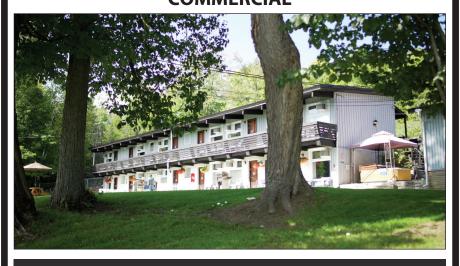
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